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## Dr. Fred Hoskins Praises United Church Of Christ

In its first two years of life the United Church of Christ (the union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches) has proven "groundless" the major fears of its critics, the denomination's co-president recently declared.

According to the Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins, Minister of the Congregational Christian Churches and Co-President of the United Church, the new body is in no danger of becoming a monolithic super-church. "Our two years of experience," he said, "makes it quite clear that the fears of some that the proper prerogative of local churches would be jeopardized by the Union have been groundless."

On the contrary, Dr. Hoskins stated that within the denomination "the primacy of the local church everywhere and in every respect is heralded."

The United Church was created two years ago when the two uniting bodies met in the Uniting General Synod at Cleveland, Ohio. Some local churches in the Congregational Christian fellowship expressed fears that within the United Church local congregations would lose some of their freedom of action to a strong centralized denominational authority.

It is not enough for local churches to demand their rights, Dr. Hoskins said, adding that "the time has come to make the local church a place where something happens." He called upon the United Church of Christ "to reorient the life of the local church, to turn it away from over-much emphasis upon preening its own feathers."

Dr. Hoskins said that the local church must be "God's hand of reformation of community affairs" and to carry out its tasks "right where it is situated."

Another area of concern for the



DR. FRED HOSKINS

United Church of Christ, Dr. Hoskins declared, is to make more significant the role of lay members. "The kingdom is not going to be brought in by the very best ushering, or by the tastiest supper, or by the world's most efficient every-member canvass," he said.

"It is my earnest hope," Dr. Hoskins stated, "that the United Church of Christ will employ all the power which resides in its laity for doing the things which belong uniquely to the church. This will mean securing the financial commitment of men and women to the things to which they commit themselves with their lips. It will mean directing their minds to an orderly understanding of their relation to God and of their proper relation to His church. It will mean teaching them how to be the church themselves wherever they work and play and undertake to be responsible citizens."

The General Synod of the United

## John E. Morse Succeeds Dr. Wm. Kincaid Newman

John E. Morse, prominent attorney of Vancouver, Washington, has been elected a Secretary of the Board of Home Missions of The Congregational Christian Churches effective September 1, 1959.

Mr. Morse will become Secretary for Church Building, replacing Dr. William K. Newman, who was recently chosen to head the denomination's Pension Boards. The announcement of the appointment was made by Dr. Truman B. Douglass, Executive Vice-President of the Board of Home Missions.

Mr. Morse is a partner in the well known law firm of Robinson, Morse and Landerholm of Vancouver, Washington.

In his new position, Mr. Morse will oversee the administration of a Church Building Loan Fund in excess of \$7,500,000 and of grants made to local churches totalling in excess of \$6,770,000. In addition, he will counsel with churches of the denomination on problems related to church building.

Several years ago the Congregational Christian Churches raised a fund of \$4,500,000 to augment its then existing fund of \$3,000,000 to meet the pressing needs of churches in new and expanding communities. The money is loaned out to new congregations which are getting established, as well as to older congregations the growing

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Church will be meeting at Oberlin, Ohio, July 5-8. The constitution submitted by the constitution committee will be discussed at the meeting. If approved, it will be submitted to the Synods of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the churches of the Congregational Christian Fellowship for approval.

## THE LARGER PATRIOTISM

### Fourth of July Message

Rev. Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, President  
of the National Council of Churches

Soon there will be hoisted up the flagpoles of the nation a flag with two new stars — one for Alaska, one for Hawaii.

This means an immensely larger America — a fifty-star Republic.

If we should superimpose the map of Alaska on the map of the forty-eight states of the Union as they were, the base of Alaska's bird-shaped head would rest on Florida, the head on northern Minnesota, and the Aleutian Islands beak would reach up the coast of California. Now Hawaii is added to the rest, extending our nation far into the Pacific Ocean towards Asia.

Such an expansion of the American Union calls for an expansion of the American soul. No longer can we think of our American traditions in terms of the Pilgrim fathers alone, or the American Indian, the Negro, or the immigrant stock of Europe and other lands. Suddenly the Eskimo, the Aleut, and the Hawaiian have become our countrymen. To the forty-niners of the 19th Century we add the fifty-niners of the 20th Century.

To incorporate all these new citizens into our culture and into the body politic will call for infinite wisdom and patience. There will need to be a great widening of our capacities for fellowship, an enlargement of our concept of patriotism, and a new understanding of what we mean by the American way. New religions have been added as well as new languages and people.

This is the beginning of a splendid adventure. Like Abraham of old, we are journeying into a new and better country. Let our prayer be that we might be delivered from the ambitions of national power and pride. Now, if ever, we need to "do justly, and love mercy, and walk humbly with our God." It is God who is the Author of our liberties. Only his might can permanently protect us and preserve sweet freedom's song.

As we lift our eyes to the new and even more beautiful banner that will soon be unfolded to the sky, let us evoke the blessings of God upon it, and pledge to it our highest allegiance, that we may forever be a people whose God is the Lord.

## Southern Union College Drops Football Program

Southern Union College will not have a football team this Fall, according to an announcement made by W. Pressley Ingram of Birmingham, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. This action is in line with that recently taken at West Georgia College and South Georgia College, both state-supported schools.

Mr. Ingram's statement came after a special meeting of the Executive Committee to consider the football future after the college had received the resignation of Mr. Earl Bentley, coach of the Bisons since football was reinstated three years ago.

President Walter A. Graham stated that he was very reluctant to see the college drop football, but in view of the fact that the college is facing a real financial struggle, along with most all independent colleges throughout the country, he felt that the Executive Committee had taken the only possible action.

Dr. Graham emphasized the fact that the Bisons will continue to enter teams in collegiate competition in basketball,

## Convention Of The South Holds Annual Meeting

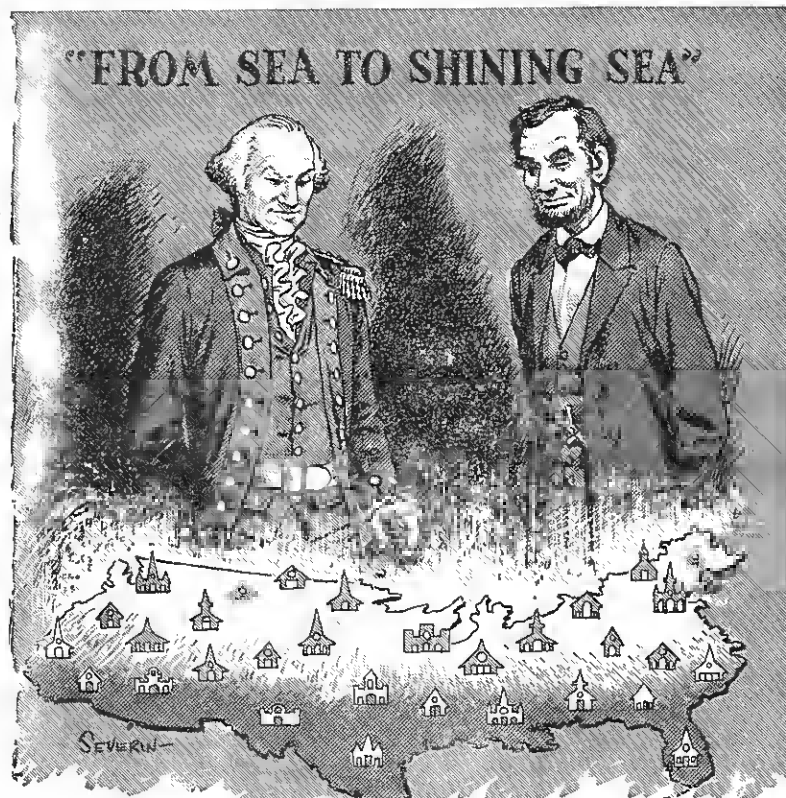
Rev. J. T. Enright of Charleston, S. C., is the new president of the Convention of the South, which met in biennial session at St. Stephen's Church, Greensboro, June 16-19.

Other officers include: Rev. J. A. Alston, Suffolk, Virginia, vice-president; Rev. J. D. Farrar, Newport News, Virginia, treasurer; and Rev. J. P. Jenkins, Norfolk, Virginia, secretary.

Mrs. W. B. Williams, immediate past president of the National Women's Fellowship, spoke at the Wednesday evening session sponsored by the women of the Convention of the South, of which Mrs. W. Judson King is president. Attorney Arthur D. Shores of Birmingham, Alabama, was the speaker for the laymen's service Thursday evening.

The Convention of the South includes 222 Negro Congregational Christian churches in 13 states. Rev. J. Taylor Stanley of Greensboro is the superintendent.

baseball and tennis under the coaching of Nofflett Williams.



## First Town And Country Convocation Scheduled

As we go into the summer months we call the First Town and Country Convocation of the United Church of Christ to the attention of our ministers and laity. To be held at Oberlin, Ohio, September 1-3, 1959, it will assemble 500 rural leaders from all over the United States to consider the Christian witness in the present day of great rural change.

Luminaries who head the program will be Senator William Proxmire, Wisconsin; Dr. Victor Obenhaus, Chicago Theological Seminary; Rev. E. W. Mueller, National Lutheran Council, Chicago; Clarence Jordan, Koinonia Farms, Georgia; Dr. Rockwell Smith, Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Ill.; Dr. Purd Deitze, Board of National Missions, St. Louis; and Dr. William Mather, Pennsylvania State University.

This Convocation is one step in the unification of the town and country work of the United Church. For three days Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed rural leaders will listen, study and worship in the light of their common tasks. Dr. Deitze will present the final challenge in "The Rural Church and the Whole Church."

Some scholarships are available. These are being handled by Superintendent James H. Lightbourne Jr. for our convention. The cost for room, board and registration is \$16. The Town and Country Department, 1720 Chouteau Avenue, St. Louis 3, Missouri, is handling all registrations. Persons interested in attending should write the Southeast Convention Office.

## Mr. Horace Hickman Licensed To Preach

Mr. Horace Hickman, a member of First Congregational Christian Church, Phenix City, Alabama, was formally licensed at a service held on Sunday night, June 14, in his home church.

The sermon was delivered by Rev. Howard H. Melloy, pastor of the church. Others participating in the service included Mr. H. P. Beaird, Rev. Olin E. Sheppard and Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr.

Following the service a fellowship period was held and delicious refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

## On Choosing A College

(The following is re-printed from THE CHRISTIAN SUN substituting Southern Union College for Elon College.)

A big decision that faces high school graduates concerns going to college. Will they, or will they won't? To go or not to go, that is a question.

Granted that the decision is to seek further learning under the guidance of a college, then what college? There are many answers. The one nearest home, or one far away in another area; the cheapest or one that ranks high and costs much; one operated by the state, or a Church School; a small college, or a large one; my denominational college, or some other; one that will prepare me for a certain type of work; or just a college.

Those fortunate youngsters who know what they plan to do through life have a certain advantage in the selection of college, for they can pick one that will prepare them for their chosen work. Others may need to discover what their abilities are by taking proper tests, and then select a college that can challenge them to use their best talents to the limit of their abilities.

Always church young people and their parents should think in terms of their own church college as being the first choice. There may be adequate reasons to pick another school, but those reasons need to be good. In our area Southern Union (Elon) rightfully has first claim on the youth of our churches, and most of our young people will doubtless be wise in choosing Southern Union (Elon) as a home for two (four) years of earnest endeavor to learn the things young people of our time should know. Some will find it advisable to go elsewhere, but that decision needs to be based on sound reasoning.

Rev. and Mrs. W. Millard Stevens, now of Southington, Conn., were recent visitors to the Convention office.

## HERE AND THERE

Rev. Howard H. Melloy has resigned as minister of First Church, Phenix City, Ala., and has returned to the Methodist Church in Indiana.

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Mrs. Carl F. Sanford of Atlanta and Mrs. Kermit Harris of Andalusia will attend a Christian Education Workshop at Elmhurst, Ill., in July.

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Rev. S. M. Penn is serving as Supply Pastor for Noon Day Church, Wedowee, Ala. Mr. and Mrs. Penn now live in Roanoke, Ala.

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Miss Peggy Hammock, Miss JoEllen Parker, Mr. Lowell Kennedy, and Mr. Melvyn Roquemore are working as Student Summer Service Workers in the Convention this summer.

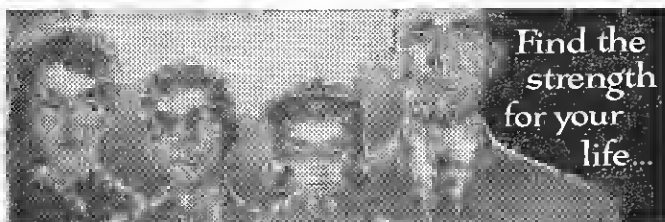
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Rev. and Mrs. G. Staley Hunt have moved from Stearns, Ky., to 1816 Melrose Drive, Albany, Ga. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hunt will be on the public school staff there next year. He is attending summer school at the U. of Georgia.

## Pictures of Soldiers' Graves Available

To next of kin who request it, the American Battle Monuments Commission will provide a special remembrance of deceased servicemen buried in foreign cemeteries. A 14" x 17" color print of the overseas cemetery in which the soldier lies buried will be sent to immediate relatives, along with a 3 1/4" x 5" picture of the grave of the deceased.

Requests for photographs should be directed to the American Battle Monuments Commission, Washington 25, D. C. The Commission prefers that only the following information be submitted in a letter or postcard. (1) Name of deceased; (2) service serial number of deceased; (3) name, mailing address, and relationship of person making request.



Worship together this week

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## Superintendent's Corner

### Has Your Church Contributed to Our Christian World Mission This Year?

Listed on this page are the churches  
of the Southeast Convention and the  
amounts they have contributed to our  
regular apportionment for OUR  
CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION and  
for designated gifts, such as "Share Our  
Surplus" and "One Great Hour of Shar-  
ing." These are the figures as of the  
close of the day of June 30. Monies re-  
ceived after that date will be shown in  
the next report.

Not included in this listing are gifts  
made to Southern Union College, the  
Congregational Christian Foundation at  
Vanderbilt and the Christmas Fund.

Is your church merely listed here,  
or is it one of the churches showing  
contributions to Our Christian World  
Mission?

How wonderful it would be if at the  
end of the year every church would be  
shown as a contributing church sup-  
porting the missionary work of the  
Board of Home Missions, the American  
Board for Foreign Missions, the Con-  
gregational Christian Service Commit-  
tee, the Council for Social Action and  
the PROGRAM OF PROGRESS of the  
Southeast Convention.

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#### SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

July 5-8 — General Synod, Oberlin,  
Ohio  
July 8-11 — Council for Christian So-  
cial Action, Oberlin, Ohio  
July 19 — Oak Grove, Pine Mountain,

## OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION

June 30, 1959

#### Central Alabama Association

	Reg.	Desig.
E. Tallassee	180.99	
Eclectic, Union		
Eclectic, Watsons Chapel		
Mt. Creek, Union		
Seman, Balm of Gilead		
Seman, Community	5.00	
Tallassee, Mt. Olive	60.00	8.27
Thorsby, United	50.00	

#### East Alabama Association

Alexander City, Antioch		
Alexander City, Hunt		
Ashland, Bethel		
Cragford, Mt. Carmel		
Dadeville, Elder	23.00	
Daviston, McGuire's Chapel		
Delta, Wesley's Chapel		
Five Points, State Line		
Goodwater, Oak Hill		
LaFayette, Pleasant Grove		
LaGrange, Hillside	29.00	
Lanett, First	750.00	68.53
Lanett, Huguley	60.00	
Langdale	875.00	

#### Lineville:

Dingler's Chapel		
New Harmony		
Shady Grove		
Spring Hill		
Phenix City, First	30.00	30.00
Phenix City, Russell Woods		
Pisgah		
Roanoke:		
Antioch	80.00	
Bethany		
First	180.00	
Forest Home		
Lowell	151.69	
Mt. Zion		
New Hope		
Rock Springs		
Rock Stand		
Shawmut, Todd		
Wadley, Christian	160.00	93.65
Wadley, Beulah		
Wadley, Corinth		
Wedowee, Caver's Grove		
Wedowee, Noon Day		
West Point, Bethel		

#### North Alabama Association

Arley, Robertson's		
Chapel	15.00	
Ga.		
July 26 - August 2 — Alabama - NW		
Florida Summer Conference, Sou-		
thern Union College		
August — Vacation Month		

Birmingham, Pilgrim	375.00	
Garden City	120.00	
Hackleburg, Community		
Haleyville, Union Grove	36.00	
Houston, Liberty Hill	5.00	
Moulton, Bethlehem		
Moulton, Jones Chapel		
Steele, Mt. Lebanon		
Steppeville, Mt. Grove	18.00	
Town Creek, Liberty		
Trinity, Caddo	20.00	

#### South Alabama Association

##### Andalusia:

Antioch	176.25	17.17
Coldwater		
First	122.00	
New Home		
Brantley, Indian Creek		
Community		
Liberty		

Clio, New Hope	120.00	
Headland, Blackwood	128.78	19.31
Midland City, Christian Hill		

#### Northwest Florida

Baker, Good Hope	89.60	
Baker, Pyron's Chapel	7.04	
Bonifay, New Effort	100.00	
Crestview, Dorcas		
Floral, Cluster Springs		

#### Georgia - S. C. Conference

Ambrose, Christian		
Atlanta:		
Center	100.00	
Central	2,000.01	257.45
Barnesville, Fredonia	90.00	
Baxley, Friendship	25.00	
Bowman, Liberty		
Braselton, Macedonia	25.00	
Bristol, Antioch		
Buford, Duncan's Creek		
Columbus, First	145.00	15.00
Columbus, United	75.00	
Crest, Hebron		
Demorest, Federated	200.00	85.50
Doerun, New Light		
Doerun, Poplar Arbor		
Douglas, First		
Enigma, Christian	10.00	
Ft. Valley, First		
Society Hill	15.00	
Gaillard, Pleasant Hill		
Hampton, County Line		
LaGrange United	525.00	32.65
Meansville, Cong'l.		
Meansville, Liberty		
Oxford, Sardis	36.00	
Pearson, Union Hill	104.00	
Pine Mt., Oak Grove	240.00	

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# People . . . Churches . . . Events . . .

## HERE AND THERE

Rev. and Mrs. Lowell Smoot are moving from the Liberty Vance Church near Henderson, N. C., to Portsmouth, Va., where he will be the minister of a new church just being organized.

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More than 250 people were present for the morning worship on June 21 when Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, used its new building for the first time.

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The new home of Rev. and Mrs. N. A. Long, Midland City, Alabama, was dedicated on Sunday, June 14.

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More than 100 people were in attendance at the Kentucky-Tennessee Summer Conference, June 7-13, at Camp Pomona. Rev. Hugh Lasseter was the Dean.

## OCWM . . . (Cont.)

Richland, First		
Richland, Prov. Chapel		
The Rock, Bethany		
Tifton, First		
Tifton, Vanceville		
Waycross, Wms. Chapel		
Woodbury, Jones Chapel	50.00	
Charleston, Circular	510.00	
Kentucky-Tennessee Conference		
Corbin, Pilgrim		55.64
Evarts, First		
Stearns, Community		
Chattanooga, Pilgrim	1,420.00	235.50
Crossville, First	236.50	83.86
Daisy, First	120.00	16.16
Deer Lodge		
Glen Mary		
Knoxville, First	1,051.51	
Nashville, Brookmeade	324.29	24.28
Pleasant Hill Com.	750.00	24.00
Robbins		
Soddy, First		
TOTALS	12,019.66	1,062.97

## HUNTSVILLE, ALABAMA

Plans to organize a United Church in Huntsville, Alabama, are progressing. Services are being held each Sunday in the Armory on Highway 231 on the south side of the city. Rev. Richard L. Arthur, 425 McClurg Avenue, Huntsville, Ala., is giving leadership to the project. Please send him names of CC and E & R people living in Huntsville.

## Russell Woods Reports

Sunday, June 7, was Loyalty Sunday at Russell Woods Church in Phenix City. This day climaxed a series of meetings on Christian Enlistment attended by the officers of the church. A basket luncheon was enjoyed by a record attendance. After a short business meeting in the afternoon, and pledges were received, several groups went out visiting with much success.

June 8 through 12 Bible School was held with Mrs. Harveta Barr and Rev. Herbert Long as Directors. There were 27 enrolled, and an average attendance of 25.

The Commencement exercises were held on Sunday morning. There were 79 in attendance at the Sunday School hour.

On Friday night, members of Bible School and young people with their families had a picnic at A Yuchi. Around 50 attended.

A real busy week — but the fellowship together was really enjoyed.

## Women's Fellowship

The Women's Christian Fellowship of Russell Woods Congregational Church, Phenix City, Alabama, had an installation of officers for the coming year.

Miss Kay Carmack, accompanied by Miss Donna Sue Higgins, sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Mrs. Harry Barr installed the following officers:

Mrs. Robert Bonner, president; Mrs. Alton Lewis, vice-president; Mrs. Edward Riddle, secretary; Mrs. L. A. Ingram, treasurer; and Mrs. Eugene Blanton, publicity chairman.

The president appointed the following committee chairmen:

Mrs. Raymond McDuffie, Stewardship; Mrs. Ruth Gullatt, Friendly Service; Mrs. H. A. Long, Evangelical and Spiritual Life; Mrs. Eulas Floyd, Christian Social Action; Mrs. Harry Barr, Christian Education; Mrs. Edward Brown, Missionary Education.

Rev. Joe A. French has accepted a call from the Hunterdale Church, Franklin, Va., to the First Church, Henderson, N. C.

Rev. Thomas H. Britton has resigned as minister of Shelton Memorial Church, Portsmouth, Va., to accept a call to the First Church, Ashtabula, Ohio.

## ECHOES OF SOUTHERN UNION COLLEGE

WALTER A. GRAHAM, President

The Work Campers, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Diehl, although few in number, have really left their imprint on the appearance of the college. Their two-week stay on the campus has been just long enough to have a transforming effect on the lounge and social room of Kimball Hall, the men's dormitory.

The experience of the Work Camp is most interesting and the set-up this year is most significant. Campers have come from several states, including California and Indiana, but the most outstanding item is in the leadership.

Mr. and Mrs. Diehl came to Southern Union several years ago as work campers. Although they may have been acquainted, and perhaps even slightly in love, it was not until they spent some time on the campus that they decided to marry and spend the rest of their lives together. More than that, they decided to complete their college work and return to the college as teachers.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Diehl joined the faculty in January, 1958, and have been most active in all phases of the college life since that time. Their lives and home were brightened on June 23, 1958, by the presence of a son, Gregory, who has truly endeared himself, too, with all of the staff, faculty, and students of the college.

The Diehls have resigned their position with the college and in the Fall of 1959 will be found back in their home town in Ohio. Mr. Diehl will teach math in senior college, which is his life's preparation. The Diehls will be missed in many ways around the college, for their initiative and creative planning showed up in many ways.

School opens at Southern Union for freshman orientation on Monday, September 21, the dormitories being open on Sunday, September 20. Already the dormitory space for men and women is being reserved, and we urge all people who are interested to get their applications in as soon as possible.

Visitors are always welcomed at the campus. Come by, visit with us, see the progress that is being made and give us a chance to thank you in person for the interest and support you have so generously provided.





Pictured above is Circular Congregational Church, Charleston, S. C., one of the historic churches of the nation. The church was established in 1681. It has a distinctive style of architecture. Adjacent to the church is the old cemetery. Visitors in the Charleston area should take the opportunity to visit the church, which is located on historic Meeting Street. Dr. William R. Barnhart is the pastor.

## MORSE . . . (Cont.)

membership of which necessitates larger facilities for worship and for Christian education.

An active churchman, Mr. Morse is a member of Vancouver's First Congregational Church, where he has served with ability in various important capacities.

Mr. Morse has been a member of the Board of Directors of the Washington Conference of Congregational Christian Churches and has served on several committees. He is active in community organizations and civic clubs.

Mr. and Mrs. Morse have three children: John David, 7, Mary Jeanette, 4, and Jennifer Joy, 2.

## HERE AND THERE

Dr. and Mrs. Paul R. Reynolds, Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Slater, Dr. Guy L. Colbert, President Walter A. Graham, and Supt. Lightbourne will be among those from the Convention attending the General Synod of the United Church at Oberlin, July 5-8.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

July 18-19 — Ga. — S. C. Women's Retreat, Perry, Ga.

July 26 - Aug. 1 — Ala. — N. W. Florida Summer Conference, Southern Union College

August 16-22 — Ga. — S. C. Summer Conference, Roosevelt State Park, Pine Mountain, Ga.

ch at Oberlin, July 5-8.

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Rev. Clyde C. Flannery and Rev. John D. Schofield will attend the Western Pastors School, LaForest, in July, and Rev. Kermit Harris and Rev. Robert Shelton will attend the Eastern Pastor's School at Deering.

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Rev. Carroll Lewis, pastor of the Langdale Church, is attending the current quarter at the Candler School of Theology, Emory University.

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Mr. R. C. Dean, a Methodist student at the Candler School of Theology, Emory U., is serving the Oxford, Sardis Church.